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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendment and consider the following remark.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 20-55 without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 20-55 have been canceled in accordance with the intent of Applicant that this present application be filed to pursue claims 1-19.

Applicant believes the application is now ready for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 1. File wrapper of the present application records two preliminary amendments, preliminary amendment A filed on 1/14/1998 and preliminary amendment B on 6/25/1998.
- 2. The examiner has not found preliminary amendment A in the file, and has in two occasions called and requested a copy. No such copy has been received in the file. Applicant's response filed 2/8/2000 did not include a copy of preliminary amendment A.
- 3. The examiner hereby requests a copy of preliminary amendment A in the interest of advancing the prosecution. Otherwise the next office action may not be able to take preliminary amendment A into consideration.
- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue Lao whose telephone number is (703) 305-9657. A voice mail service is also available at this number. The fax number for this Group is (703) 305-9731.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

Sue Lao October 3, 2000

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